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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

## FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)).

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- The specification does not include at least one claim.  
*A complete specification as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 112 is required.*

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:
  - Specification, claims, or abstract pages are not typewritten or mechanically printed in permanent dark ink on one side (See 37 CFR 1.52(a) and (b)).
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